THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, the 18th May 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The questions relating to the portfolio of the Hon. Finance Minister will be taken up last."

Registration of the practitioners of Indigenous Medicine.

* 881 *Q*.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of SRI K. V. Ramaswami) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to include the practitioners of the systems of Indigenous Medicine within the scope of the Madras Medical Registration Act, 1914?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question of registration of the practitioners of Indigenous Medicine under the Madras Medical Registration Act or under a separate statute is under the consideration of the Government. Since this answer was prepared, Sir, Government have decided that the practitioners of the system of Indigenous Medicine may be registered under a separate statute."

Vaigai River Anicut.

* 883 *Q*.—SRI G. GOVINDAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the proposed Vaigai River Anicut is intended to provide adequate supply of water for irrigation to the villages on the eastern portion of the Ramanathapuram district?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The exact scope of the Vaigai Reservoir Project is yet to be settled. The whole question is being examined."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" While the scheme is completed, is it the intention of the Government to see whether any portion at least of the Ramanathapuram district will be benefited? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It cannot be said now. The whole thing is under the examination of the Government. That is what I have stated."